

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-18 are pending in the current application, with entry of this amendment. Claim 5 is cancelled herewith, and the subject matter incorporated into Claim 1. Claim 1 is also amended to indicate that a poly(ester) carbonate is a component of the composition. No new matter is added; this is clearly indicated in Claim 12, for example, and throughout the specification.

Claims 6 and 7 are amended to correct dependencies.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Various claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as not enabled (Claims 1-8), and under §112, second paragraph, as indefinite (Claims 1-8, 12-16, 18) and incomplete (Claims 1-8), all §112 rejections based on the omission of "poly(ester) carbonate" as an ingredient of the composition. Claim 1 has been amended to correct this deficiency. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of all §112 rejections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP-2001-247582; Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Troev et al. article. Both §102 rejections are premised on the notion that the claimed composition does not include poly(ester) carbonate. Since amended Claim 1 now explicitly includes this component the §102 rejections are rendered moot. Moreover, neither the JP abstract nor the Troev et al. article disclose the specific phosphorus-silicon compounds represented by Formula III, above, now in Claim 1. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all §102 rejections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in view of Kodama et al. U.S. 3,699,188, Plueddemann U.S. 4,093,641, or Doring et al. U.S. 6,111,002 in view of Tacke et al., 5025,065, El Sayed et al. 5,576,377 or Brown et al., 6,753,365. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the amendments made to Claim 1. None of the cited primary references show the specific phosphorus-silicon compounds of Formula III, and none of the references show compounds of formula III in combination with poly(ester) carbonate. Therefore,

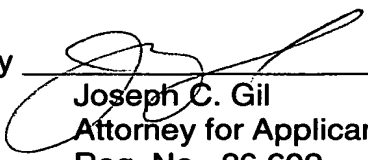
these references cannot possibly be combined to render the present claims obvious to one skilled in the art. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the §103 rejection.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all outstanding issues have been addressed, and that Claims 1-4 and 6-18 are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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